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Dear Mr. Dennen:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), Governor's Office of Emergency Services, and Department of Toxic Substances Control conducted a program evaluation of the San Bernardino County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) on November 8 and 9, 2005. The evaluation consisted of a review of program elements, an in-office program review, and field oversight inspections. The State evaluators completed a CUPA Evaluation Summary of Findings with your agency's program management staff, which includes identified deficiencies, with preliminary corrective actions and timeframes, program observations and recommendations, and examples of outstanding program implementation.

Cal/EPA has received documentation of corrective actions taken by San Bernardino County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division CUPA for the deficiencies found during the evaluation process. After reviewing the Evaluation Summary of Findings and the documentation of corrective actions, Cal/EPA considers the following deficiency in progress on being corrected.

1. The CUPA is not meeting the inspection frequencies for the hazardous materials business plan, underground storage tank, and hazardous waste generator programs.

Cal/EPA appreciates the actions taken by San Bernardino County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division. The remaining deficiency from the 2005 evaluation will be incorporated into the 2008 evaluation scheduled for December 2 and 3, 2008. San Bernardino County Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division CUPA's rating on the 2005 evaluation will remain as satisfactory with some improvements needed until the 2008 evaluation team determines that the remaining deficiency is corrected.

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Thank you for your continued commitment to the protection of public health and the environment. If you have any questions or need further assistance, you may contact me at (916) 327-5097 or jbohon@calepa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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